

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3815/02
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to the Council

Subject: State of affairs regarding the ratification of the Montreal Convention for the unification of certain rules for international carriage by air

The Member States signed the Montreal Convention for the unification of certain rules for international carriage by air on 28 May 1999, and the Council announced that the Community would deposit the 15 ratification instruments together by the end of 2002 in order to avoid any discrepancy between Member States.

In reply to my earlier question, the Council stated that the ratification process had begun in all of the Member States and had already been completed in some of them.

1. Can the Council give assurances that the Montreal Convention will be able to enter into force by the end of 2002?
2. If not, could the Council indicate which states have yet to ratify the Convention?